



Jack E. Johnson

March 24, 1930 - April 30, 2014

Jack Ellsworth Johnson passed away on Wednesday, April 30, 2014. He was born in Holly on March 24, 1930, to the late Frank and Bertha Johnson. Jack was a very active man, never wishing to sit still for anything. He spent his entire life in Holly, played on the high school basketball team, and graduated in 1948. He began working at a very young age at his dad's, Johnson Super Service Station, which opened in Holly in 1935. They began selling cars shortly after opening. In 1948 a new dealership building was built and Johnson Motor Sales opened. In 1950 Jack married Patricia Mae Welch. After the passing of his dad in 1962, Jack and his sister, Freda Fuchs, became co-owners selling Pontiacs until 1986.

Jack was active in the community with Kiwanis, loved golfing, hunting, fishing and especially snowmobiling. He could be found almost any morning at the Holly Donut Shop for decades. He will be remembered by many as the guy who sold you your first car, gave you your first job, knew you as a friend or as a "partner in crime" but most of all he was a gentle man who was a friend to everyone. He loved to tell tales about his adventures.

Jack's wife, Patricia, preceded him in death in 2006. He is survived by his only child, Gail (Bill) Anderson of Brighton, MI and his granddaughter Kaitlyn, as well as nieces Pat (Don) Walls, Kay (Ken) Pearce and nephew John (Margaret) Fuchs. He also leaves behind his sweetheart Carolyn Moyer.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will take place at Dryer Funeral Home in Holly at noon on Monday, May 5,

2014. Private inurnment will be in Lakeside Cemetery. Friends may call at the Dryer Funeral Home on Sunday, May 4 from 2 to 6 p.m. and on Monday from 10 a.m. until the time of the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kiwanis of Holly or Loose Senior Center of Linden.

Cemetery Details

Lakeside Cemetery

Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home
101 First St
Holly, MI 48442
(248) 634-8291

Visitation

MAY 5. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

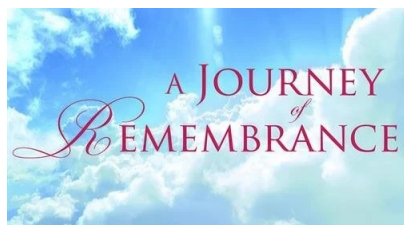
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Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jack E. Johnson*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - May 04, 2014 at 01:12 PM

CL

“ *So sorry for your loss. My mom regrets that she is unable to attend Jack's funeral. Nicole and I are unable to attend as well. Shirley Lapointe has MANY stories about Jack! Those Johnson cousins were very close!*

Colette Laabs - May 04, 2014 at 12:16 PM

PH

“ *Mr. Johnson was huge part of Holly's history. Every cool guy in Holly bought GTOs and other hot cars from him. He let us kids come in and drool over all of cars, probably because he knew we would be back and buy a car someday. A very nice man an so will be missed but never forgotten. Prayers for the family.*

James and Paula Hansen

Paula & James Hansen - May 02, 2014 at 05:38 PM

GA

Thank you for your thoughts about my dad. Those dealership days are some of my fondest memories.

Gail Anderson - May 04, 2014 at 09:01 AM

PO

“ Gail. Bill and Kaitlyn ,
We have many very fond memories of Jack and Pat, from snowmobiling, going to the cabin, meeting them for dinner many nights every week and many more.
We send our thoughts and prayers to Gail, Bill and Kaitlyn. We have not been back to Mich in over 4 years so we have missed seeing Jack.
Hugs, Jack and Pat (from az.)

Pat Orritt - May 02, 2014 at 03:23 PM

GA

I know that dad has missed seeing you both. Dad always enjoyed being with you and Jack whether it was in AZ or MI. He loved eating out - no sense getting the dishes dirty at home. Thank you for your thoughts.

Gail Anderson - May 04, 2014 at 08:58 AM

DD

“ Jack was a nice man and a part of Holly's history. He will be missed. Condolences to the family.



Diana Davis - May 01, 2014 at 09:08 PM

GA

Thank you Diana

Gail Anderson - May 04, 2014 at 08:54 AM

MA

“ *Midwest Dressage Association purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jack E. Johnson.*



Midwest Dressage Association - May 01, 2014 at 06:40 PM

LJ

“ *Jack was one of my fathers best friends, and a good friend to our family. Many fond memories of my childhood where spent with Jack, Pat and Gail. From snowmobiling at the cottage to skiing on the Tittabawasee. Jack and I once were skiing side by side while my dad drove the boat. Jack lost his bathing suit trunks and I laughed so hard we both ended up in the middle of the river. Lots of funny stories and wonderful memories. He will be missed! Our deepest condolences to the family. Laurie (Hamilton) and Dave Jensen*

Laurie and Dave Jensen - May 01, 2014 at 04:47 PM

GA

Laurie, Thank you for sharing the wonderful story. I don't recall it happening but am laughing just thinking about it. I have many fond memories of our families times together. Gail

Gail Anderson - May 04, 2014 at 08:53 AM